

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8-12, 14-18, 20, 22-25 and 28-34 are now pending. Claims 5-7, 13, 19, 21, 26, and 27 have been previously cancelled. Claims 1-4, 8-12, 14-18, 20, 22-25 and 28-32 were allowed in the Notice of Allowability attached to the Notice of Allowance dated July 28, 2004. Claims 33 and 34 have been added herein. Claims 1, 3, 9, 15, 17, 22, 23, 25, and 28-34 are the independent claims.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1-4, 8-12, 14-18, 20, 22-25 and 28-32 have been allowed.

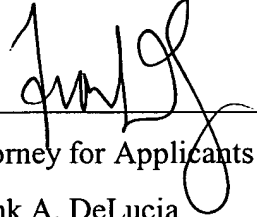
New independent Claims 33 and 34 are similar in many respects to Claims 31 and 32, respectively, and have been added to provide Applicants with a more complete scope of protection. Support for Claims 33 and 34 can be found in the specification and drawings as originally filed, at least in, for example, Figures 3, 4, and 10.

Applicants believe that Claims 33 and 34 are patentable for substantially the same reasons as are allowed Claims 31 and 32, respectively.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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